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### Jr. Golf Classic

The Annual Grundy Center Junior Golf Classic was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020. The day started a little foggy, but the sun came out which lead to some great golf.

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### Summer Sports

An early lead for AGWSR softball evaporated after Clarksville capitalized on fielding miscues and walks for a 6-1 win in Clarksville on Monday night in a Class 1A regional final. More sports on pages 10-13

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## GC schools will return with in-person learning Final decision on masks, safety requirements still to come

By: ROBERT MAHARRY  
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GRUNDY CENTER- As school districts around the country wrestle with how and when to bring students back into classrooms in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grundy Center school board engaged in a lengthy discussion on the matter during last Wednesday night's regular meeting.

The board came to an agreement that of the three "Return to Learn" scenarios presented—fully in-person learning, fully virtual and a hybrid method—in-person learning was the most preferable option. Superintendent Robert Hughes explained a few of the ways that the school day will look different, from social distancing to more rigorous cleaning to an expanded lunch period without communal spaces.

When the discussion shifted to a potential mask or face-covering requirement, however, opinions among board members differed. Hughes reported

that districts will have the power to make masks compulsory, but board president Andy Lebo and fellow board member Al Kiewiet argued against it, opining that the decision should lie with individuals and families.

"I'd like to read the (factual) support that it just shuts this (virus) down. I don't think we can sit there and tell people that your kid has to show up with a mask on," Lebo said. "I don't know how you can make it mandatory."

Lebo added that he believed the district would "lose people" if it moved toward requiring masks, and Kiewiet cited an opinion from a high-ranking official at the University of Iowa hospitals claiming masks "aren't nearly safety as what they



seem to be."

"I'm a little disappointed that we weren't a little more ahead of the game," Kiewiet said. "We're going to require stuff out of people and do things, and they're going to ask us what we did to get ready for it. I just think it's going to look absolutely horrendous... I've heard from the public that it's too late."

On the other hand, board members Steven Martens and John Gordon countered that wearing a mask would be an effective way to mitigate the spread of the virus and a bare

minimum measure to increase safety for students and staff.

"If you have it optional, it kind of defeats the purpose. If you really want to nip this in the bud and not go back to virtual learning, you can't have your cake and eat it too. We have to push that as much as possible right now," Martens said. "My thoughts have changed on this, and it's because we're seeing this virus not back off at all... If we don't do (wear masks), we won't have sports or anything else."

Gordon, who referenced the fact that he himself was not wearing a mask during the in-person meeting, nonetheless made the case that requiring them was the right thing to do.

"Common sense tells me I don't want to do it, but if you're

sneezing and you're wearing a mask or shield, you're going to mitigate some of it," he said. "People don't want to do it, but they want to go back to school. As much as I hate saying that we need to tell people to wear masks to go back to school, I think we have to."

Hughes also pushed back against the assertion that the staff hadn't been prepared for the virus and noted extensive trainings and planning since school was closed in late March.

A motion to implement an in-person "Return to Learn" plan carried unanimously with "protocols to come" for safety and security.

#### IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved first readings of several handbook policy revisions.

- Approved the hiring of Becki Smith as the nutrition program director, Rebecca Steckelberg as the ag teacher and FFA advisor and Mark Fakler as vocal music teacher.

## BCLUW will recommend but not require face coverings for students, staff

By: ROBERT MAHARRY  
*The Grundy Register*

CONRAD- The BCLUW school board spent most of its regular meeting on Monday night considering the hot topic of the moment for districts across Iowa: whether or not face coverings and/or masks should be required for students and staff once classes resume in August.

In keeping with the executive order that Governor Kim Reynolds recently issued, the board voted unanimously to move toward in-person learning, and a survey of BCLUW parents found that 50 percent preferred the in-person option (10 percent preferred distance learning, and 18 percent preferred a hybrid method).

The parent survey also indicated that 63 percent of parents who responded supported requiring face coverings in some or all situations for students on staff, while 33 percent opposed them. Superintendent Ben Petty, Middle School Principal Dirk Borgman and Elementary Principal Mitch Parker all spoke in favor of such a mandate, as Borgman argued that social distancing in a classroom would be next to impossible.

"I don't like wearing them, but I'm willing to do it if it helps us," Parker said. "The reality is that if we want to be at school, these are the things that we have to do to make it happen."

Petty indicated that school nurse Gayle Barkema also supported it and told the board that he spoke for "the 63 percent."

"The face covering thing has been politicized to a ridiculous level in my mind," Petty said. "Our best bet is to take as many health and safety measures that are reasonable that we can do."

Six of the seven board members present, however,

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## Gregg touts rural housing initiative during Grundy Center stop

By: ROBERT MAHARRY  
*The Grundy Register*

GRUNDY CENTER- Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg sought to highlight the unique ways that rural communities like Grundy Center are addressing housing needs and the public/private partnership that has helped them do it during a stop at the GNB Loan and Administrative Office last Thursday afternoon.

Gregg, who had already made a stop in Balltown earlier in the day to celebrate the town of 73 residents becoming the first to achieve 100 percent Census response, met with Speaker of the House Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford) and bank officials for around a half hour before heading back to Des Moines.

Since GNB launched a Community Development Corporation (CDC) in 2019, it has undertaken two home rehabilitation projects, one in Conrad and, most recently, one in Grundy Center. The state has provided \$20,000 in funding for the Grundy Center project as part of a new Rural Innovation Grant program.

"We're not looking for a handout. We just want to be competitive," Grassley said. "I know it's been a focus of

the lieutenant governor and the governor making sure that there are investments happening because they're both from rural Iowa... We have to have a vital rural Iowa to be successful."

GNB CEO Kevin Swalley explained that the aim of the program isn't to turn a profit but to target low-to-moderate income housing in hopes of attracting new individuals and families to the communities where the bank operates locations. The home rehabilitations involve private bank dollars, city cooperation (selling the lots for a dollar), the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) and the state.

The newest endeavor in Grundy Center will be a Homes for Iowa project, which are houses built by Iowa Prison Industries and transported to lots around the state. Gregg shared excitement about the initiative because he sees it as solving three problems at once: a shortage of rural housing, a shortage of skilled workers and a lack of job opportunities for the formerly incarcerated.

"Sometimes, we're lucky if a program solves even the problem that it's designed to solve," Gregg said. "We can



Iowa Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg (center) and Speaker of the House Pat Grassley (right) discuss rural housing and development during a visit at the GNB Loan and Administrative office last Thursday afternoon. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

give folks a skill so that they can be self-supporting once they leave prison, support a family and be a productive member of society."

In discussing how to make future rehabilitation projects more appealing for contractors, Swalley suggested waiving state taxes on labor costs.

The attendees also discussed the general push to encourage trade school education and skilled labor to help fill jobs in

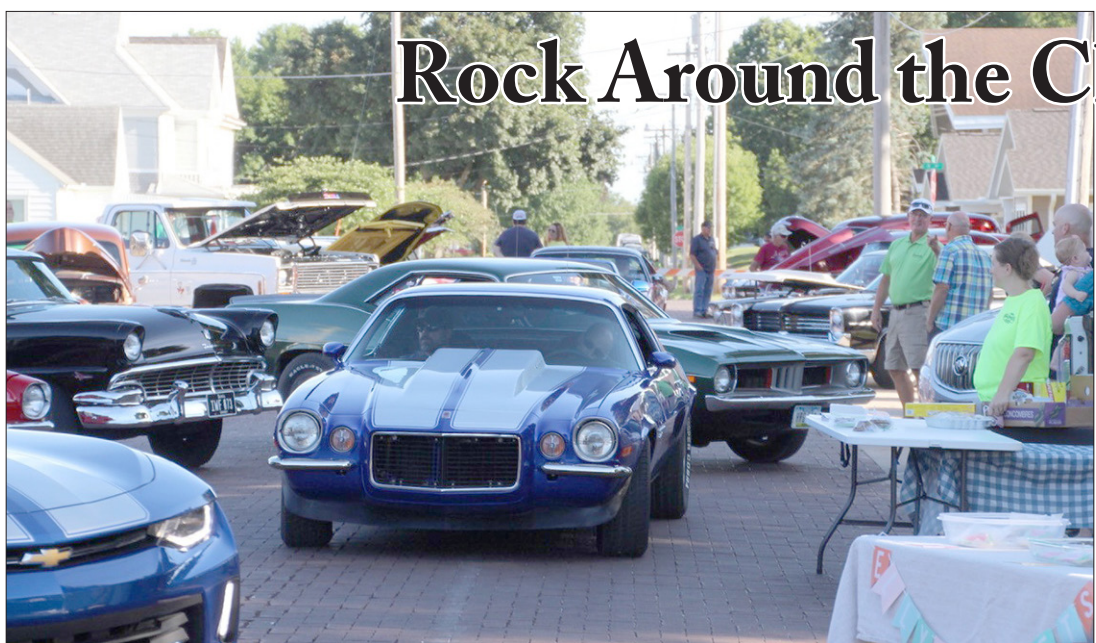
rural Iowa. In an interview with *The Grundy Register* before his departure, Gregg, a Hawarden native, pledged to keep fighting for development outside of the state's major metropolitan areas and reflected on attitudes about reopening in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've made rural Iowa a priority in our administration... And today's a great example of that," he said. "We're able to support small scale projects

that I think will have a big impact in our rural communities."

Gregg stressed the importance of preventive measures like wearing a mask, social distancing and maintaining hygiene as new cases of the virus are still being reported across the state.

"Those kinds of things are the kind of things that will allow us to continue to keep the economy open and thriving and going again," he said.



## Rock Around the Clocktower

The 2020 Rock Around the Clocktower concert and car show series kicked off last Thursday night on the courthouse square with a horde of hot rods and a performance from the Tank Anthony Band. (Photos by Seth McDuffee/The Grundy Register)

## Coronavirus update

By: SETH McDUFFEE  
*The Grundy Register*

The latest figures for COVID-19 positive cases were released, and Grundy County stands at 58 total. There were no additional deaths, with the total remaining at one loss of life coming just last week.

There were 502 new positive cases reported in Iowa from 10 a.m. Monday to 10 a.m. Tuesday per the state's official dashboard. This brings the total number of cases to 39,419. Additionally, there were 3,950 new test results reported in the last 24 hours for a total of almost half-a-million tests-- 423,221 Iowans that have been tested for COVID-19.

Officials also reported five additional virus-related deaths since Monday morning, pushing the state's death toll to 798.

There were also 335 additional recoveries reported, bringing the state's total number of recoveries up to 28,307.

The recommendations for residents, per health officials is still to practice social distancing and hygiene, as well as safe practices of wearing masks and staying home if you feel sick or are showing other symptoms of illness.

### GCPH an indomitable ally in the fight against COVID-19

By: SETH McDUFFEE  
The Grundy Register

During a worldwide crisis, it is wonderful to be able to communicate with organizations who have an idea as to what the accurate information is. In most areas of the country, local and state officials in their capacities at the Health Departments are the go-to medium for learning new, or consistent information. In Grundy County, that role falls to Grundy County Public Health.

For many years, GCPH has been able to advise residents, businesses, and government facilities on proper protocol and criteria for a safe and happy society. However, since the first case of COVID-19 appeared in the United States, GCPH has increased their fervor of knowledge sharing by many fold. The facility has been working tirelessly for the last few months to keep the public informed about the best methods for safety and health security during what has been a confusing time for many.

That extends to building relationships and partnerships for providing any advice to a slew of different organizations throughout the county.

"The partnerships that we have experienced throughout all of this are positive," said Katie Thornton-Lang, Program Coordinator of Grundy County Public Health during a phone inter-

view, "sometimes it's as simple as, 'here's the situation, what do we do?' We work through it with them, and figure out the best way to approach any given event."

Despite the circumstances, it is worth noting that Grundy County has remained largely on the bottom of the scale for COVID-19 cases, including deaths, having only one life lost in the many months since this began, while surrounding counties seem to be exploding with dozens-to-hundreds of new cases every day. Thornton-Lang believes that it isn't just their efforts that have helped the community succeed so far, but part of a larger group of partnerships of like-minded individuals.

She gave acknowledgment to various helpers during the many weeks, something she thinks those involved should be appreciated for.

Thornton-Lang mentioned that the schools have been one of the many institutions that has been forthright with their thoughts and suggestions on what might work best for them. Thornton-Lang noted that other counties have put out documentation for school guidance, but rural counties have different demands, and must be regarded with their specific metrics in mind. Dual-district counties have to be sensitive to those areas as well, of which many

rural communities are. They have different dynamics and populations to include, which can make the job seemingly daunting, but the GCPH has been steadfast in their resolve to ensure communities are kept abreast of any updates or stable information.

For Thornton-Lang too, it is very personally tied to the community, as are all the members of GCPH.

"There is such an emotional tie to all of this because we are seeing it from every single angle," Thornton-Lang said. "There was a death recently, and that hits our heart when that kind of thing happens. That's a community member, and we still care about every single person in this county, even though we are a business. These are our people, and we are here to keep them safe as much as we can. We are here for each other. It's not just about numbers, because there's a very human element and families are affected by this."

Thornton-Lang indicated that it would be difficult to name all of the partners involved because there have been so many, but there will be some included at the bottom, though the list is not full. She also spoke to the mental health aspect of dealing with a global pandemic, just as dangerous as the physical components of the virus, and the

frame of mind that people may find themselves in.

"We can all get stuck in an isolated or angry state, and there's times we all get angry. We are all working on this together, and are going to get through this. We really are, it will happen."

Partners GCPH would like to acknowledge:

- Scott Kramer, Long-Term Care at Parkview/The Elms/Creekside
- ALL LTC's & Assisted Living Facilities
- Pastor Luther Thoresen, American Lutheran Church
- Plus many other churches
- Andy McQuillan, Gladbrook-Reinbeck 7-12 Principal
- All schools for graduation plans
- Chris at Reinbeck Pool
- GC and Conrad pools, as well
- Roger Carr, EMA
- County/City Entities
- Bryanna McFarland, Riche-lieu HR
- Other local businesses, as inquired
- Justin Stockdale & Coaches, Dike-New Hartford Schools
- Most other schools for sports related questions
- GCMH
- Physicians/Clinics
- Pharmacies
- Other Local Public Health Agencies and IDPH

### Supervisors approve final bridge payment, discuss Grundy Road

By: ROBERT MAHARRY  
The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER- During a brief regular meeting at the engineer's office on Monday morning, the Grundy County Board of Supervisors approved a final payment on a bridge project west of Conrad and discussed the latest news with regards to easements on the Grundy Road paving project.

According to County Engineer Gary Mauer, the bridge replacement has been completed for about two years, but due to a lack of necessary paperwork from the contractor, the final payment had not yet been disbursed. A motion to make the final payment of \$19,821.84 carried unanimously.

Mauer reported that the county has paid about \$131,000 in right-of-way costs on the Grundy Road project thus far, and he predicts a cost of about \$40,000 more with the remaining landowners with whom the county has not yet settled. The total right of way cost for the county is projected at around

\$250,000. The board voted unanimously to set a public hearing on granting an easement to the city of Grundy Center for a new welcome sign on the north edge of town.

Later in the meeting, the board voted 3-2 to deny a fireworks application from Wade Hemmen for Fern Days, citing technicalities and a lack of proper licensure. Supervisors Jim Ross and Mark Schildroth voted against the motion to deny the permit.

"I kind of hate in this day and age when people can't do a dang thing," Schildroth said.

#### IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved the county treasurer's semi-annual report and the county treasurer's June 30, 2020, investment report.
- Appointed Linda Johnson to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Appointed the 2020 compensation commission.
- Approved the payment of bills.

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indicated that they did not feel comfortable enacting or enforcing a requirement. Board member Brian Feldpausch argued that students would spread more germs with a mask and instead proposed face shields as a better option. Feldpausch went on to note that individuals with high temperatures are most likely to spread COVID-19 and wondered how aggressively district leaders would pursue taking temperatures.

"If we're going to do masks, we should do temperatures too because that's how we're going to catch this thing," Feldpausch said.

Board president Eric Engle asked Petty if and how students who refused to wear face coverings would be punished, and the Superintendent

responded that it would likely begin with warnings before progressing to suspensions for repeated insubordination. Engle also worried that it would add an extra layer of responsibility for teachers in ensuring enforcement.

Feldpausch and fellow board member LJ Kopsa also indicated that despite the results of the parent survey, they had heard from several families who strongly opposed a mask or face shield requirement.

"I'm not heartless, and I don't think they don't work. But I'm speaking for the people who don't want them to be required," Kopsa said. "That opinion's out there, and it's been brought to me."

Ultimately, Adam Probasco was the only board member to

speak in favor of a mask or face shield requirement and was the lone dissenting vote on a motion to "highly recommend but not require" face coverings for students and staff. The district will purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for every student and staff member and provide it to anyone who wants it when classes resume.

During his comments at the end of the meeting, Petty acknowledged the contentious nature of the mask debate and urged everyone in the district to be understanding as the 2020-2021 school year commences.

"Be as kind as you can to staff and students. We're probably in for the most challenging year we've ever had," he said.

#### IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

- Approved the purchase of classroom air purifiers.
- Approved the free and reduced lunch resolution.
- Approved the depositories for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Reappointed Paula Benson as the board secretary and treasurer.
- Approved raising substitute teacher pay from \$100 to \$110 a day.
- Approved the hiring of Julie Fridlinger as a high school teacher, junior class sponsor and yearbook advisor, Rachelle Sieverding as a middle school special education aide, Deb Thompson as a middle school special education aide and Ashley Wilson as the football cheer coach.

### GRUNDY COUNTY Magistrate Court

The following citations were issued in Grundy County by all agencies.

- Brandon Lakabung, Grundy Center, failure to maintain control.
- Jordan Booher, Marcus, speeding.
- David Ortman, Dysart, speeding.
- Abdirahman Abdi, Columbus, OH, speeding.
- Elijah Roe, Eldora, failure to maintain or use safety belts and dark window or windshield.
- Kaeden Tuhn, Cedar Rapids, speeding.
- Jacob Beaty, Steamboat Rock, speeding.
- Ramah Husidic, Waterloo, speeding.
- Jackson Barry, Cedar Falls, speeding.
- Paula Summers, Hagerstown, MD, speeding.
- Jessica Meester, Omaha, NE, speeding.
- Taya Curtis, Dike, violation of instruction permit limitation.
- Saqib Hasan, Cedar Rapids, speeding.

- Steven Nosko, Dike, speeding.
- Todd Summers, Masonville, failure to maintain or use safety belts.
- Lori Gutknecht, Dike, speeding.
- Stephen Blair, Grundy Center, speeding.
- Chad Frazell, Ankeny, speeding.
- Pamela Thomas, Waterloo, failure to change lane upon approach to emergency vehicle.
- Nicole Ryerson, Wellsburg, speeding.
- Todd Bannor, LaPorte, MN, maximum width of vehicle.
- Chareon Larbanan, Oak Brook, IL, speeding.
- Jose Padilla-Enriquez, Chicago, IL, speeding.

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**GRUNDY COUNTY District Court**

Jared Arthur Galloway, age 36, Conrad. Pled guilty to Fourth Degree Criminal Mischief, a serious misdemeanor, on July 14. Received a 30-day jail sentence with 26 days suspended, a \$315 fine and one year of unsupervised probation.

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**Monaghan receives 5-year award**

Jacob A. Monaghan received his 5-year service award from Gary Mauer, Grundy County Engineer. Jacob works in the Secondary Road Department for Grundy County.

**Iowa Crop Progress & Condition Report**

*Week of July 13-19, 2020*  
 DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig today commented on the Iowa Crop Progress and Condition report released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The report is released weekly from April through November.

“Portions of southern Iowa received some much needed rainfall over the last several days though western Iowa missed out on much of the moisture,” said Secretary Naig. “The heat also turned up across Iowa with heat indexes hitting the triple digits. Temperatures look moderate this week with additional chances of rain.”  
 The weekly report is also available on the USDA’s site at [nass.usda.gov/ia](http://nass.usda.gov/ia).

**Crop Progress**

Although some areas of the State received over 3.0 inches of rain, statewide Iowa farmers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 19, 2020, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork activities included spraying, harvesting hay and grain movement.

Topsoil moisture levels rated 9% very short, 20% short, 69% adequate and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture levels rated 6% very short, 19% short, 73% adequate and 2% surplus.

Corn silking or beyond reached 69%, 9 days ahead of the previous year and 3 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn in the dough stage reached 6%, 8 days ahead of the previous year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn condition rated 80% good to excellent. Soybeans blooming reached 74%, 2 weeks ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of average. Soybeans setting pods reached 29%, just over 2 weeks ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 79% good to excellent. Oats turning color reached 90%, 8 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Oats harvested for grain reached 24%, 5 days ahead of last year but 1 day behind the average. Oat condition rated 81% good to excellent.

Alfalfa hay second cutting reached 76%, 9 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the average. Hay condition rated 68% good to excellent. Pasture condition rated 56% good to excellent. Heat stress and increased insect populations continue to affect livestock.



GNB staff members met with Speaker of the House Pat Grassley and Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg last Thursday in Grundy Center. (Robert Maharry/The Grundy Register photo)

**Grassley Q & A: U.S. Meat Supply Chain**

**Question: What’s driving your renewed effort to fix flaws in the livestock markets?**

**Answer:** The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened public awareness about fault lines in our nation’s meat supply chain. As consumers noticed empty shelves and sharp price increases in the grocer’s meat case, farmers were selling their cattle and hogs below the cost of production. Others were forced to carry out the unthinkable and euthanize hog herds and poultry flocks because of bottlenecks and breakdowns in the supply chains. The situation served up a double whammy in the Farm Belt. As farmers faced severe financial hardship, sweeping unemployment led to greater food insecurity for U.S. households. That’s why Congress and the Trump administration significantly beefed up food assistance across 15 federal nutrition programs and the USDA received \$24.5 billion in CARES Act funding to provide direct assistance to farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. When the virus forced meatpacking plants to temporarily shut down or limit production to secure workplace safety for their employees, the closures created a ripple effect from farm to fork. It also amplified another issue I’ve championed for decades -- to increase transparency and competition in the marketplace to give independent producers a fair shake. Vertical integration, consolidation among meat processors and unfair contracting schemes put independent producers at a measurable disadvantage at the slaughterhouse gate. That’s why I ride herd on the U.S. Department of Justice to robustly enforce anti-trust laws and continue to challenge the USDA to improve their weak-kneed enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act. Family farmers and independent livestock producers lose marketplace leverage when four beef conglomerates today con-

trol 80 percent of the slaughter. When the packers control the livestock supply, the independent producer becomes a residual supplier who gets low-balled for the hard work and financial investment it takes to raise their cattle. Iowa cattle feeders are fed up with the lack of transparency and price discovery and so am I. I’ve introduced bipartisan legislation with Sens. Jon Tester and Joni Ernst and other farm state lawmakers to require that a minimum 50 percent of a meat packer’s weekly volume of beef slaughter is purchased on the open market. Reasonable, enforceable price discovery will restore competition to the livestock markets so that our Iowa cattle producers get paid a fair premium for the premium products they bring to market for the consumer.

**Question: How will the new Cooperative Interstate Shipment program help Iowa producers and consumers?**

**Answer:** Expanding access to markets – export and domestic – is good for producers and consumers. Throughout my 29 county meetings across Iowa in July, I heard from Iowans who turned to community lockers when they found meat shortages and high prices at the grocery store. The market disruption led to a tremendous backlog at local lockers; many started booking up through the end of the year and beyond. I’m co-sponsoring bipartisan legislation with Sen. Mike Rounds of South Dakota that would allow facilities inspected by state Meat and Poultry Inspection programs to sell to consumers nationwide. Coincidentally, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has been working with local processors and the USDA for the past year to create a new program that would enable community-based meat lockers to expand their footprint and sell across state lines. In May, Iowa Ag Secretary Mike Naig signed an agreement with the USDA to participate in the Co-

operative Interstate Shipment (CIS) program. It will allow eligible state-inspected facilities to apply a federal-style mark of inspection and participate in interstate commerce. This program cuts red tape without undercutting food safety. It provides an opportunity for local meat processors to deliver Iowa-grown meat and poultry to consumers outside of Iowa. The pandemic may serve as a catalyst to expand the grow local-buy local food movement that consumers have been driving in recent years. Locally sourced commodities provide another opportunity for farmers to capture a larger share of the food dollar. Across Iowa, 68 processors are eligible to participate in the CIS program. I’m glad this new federal-state program will give Iowa farmers and local lockers a new outlet to get shelf space in regional grocery stores. In July I toured the local meat locker in Story City with Secretary Naig. It’s the first Iowa meat processor to receive approval for this program. Although livestock producers can’t apply directly, their meat products can be sold across state lines if processed at a CIS facility. To qualify for the program, a facility must have less than 25 employees and comply with all federal food safety, sanitation and facility regulations. Eligible processors may learn more and apply online here or call (515) 281-3338 for more information. Officials from the Iowa Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau will visit facilities each day products are processed bearing the mark of inspection to give consumers confidence that livestock, meat quality, sanitation and record-keeping meet regulatory compliance. In addition, the Food Safety and Inspection Service will make on-site inspections to ensure federal guidelines are being upheld. Iowa joins six other states participating in the CIS program, including Indiana, Maine, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

**Grundy Register Bulletin Board**

**Grundy Center**

**Grundy Area Women’s Connection cancelled**

Grundy Center Women’s Connection will not be having any more luncheons this year because of uncontrollable circumstances. We will miss our get togethers after 47 years. Watch this newspaper for announcements of when Parkersburg luncheons will start again.

**Union**

**Union Tar Heel Days Annual Junior Golf Tournament**

The 14th annual “Buster Nyce Memorial “ Junior Golf Tournament in conjunction with Union Tar Heel Days will be held on Friday, July 31. It will be a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. All youth ages up through 18 years old are invited to play.

There will be flights for both boys and girls in these age divisions: Up to 9 year olds, 10-12 year olds, 13-14 year olds, and 15-18 year olds. Please pre-register if possible by contacting South Hardin Rec. Area in Union at 486-2335 or by calling 858-3077.

Check in the day of the tournament will be from 8:30-9:45 a.m. The tournament has no entry fees thanks to many sponsors



**Will’s little friend**

By KEVIN WILLIAMS  
 Grundy County  
 Conservation Director

My wife and I have maintained birdfeeders for many winters now. But when spring had sprung, we always emptied most and only continued with tube feeders for the finches. This year, with the addition of the sunroom we have continued with several different feeders and reaped the benefits of so many different songbirds continuing to visit.

With a sunroom and all of its glass, we have unfortunately experienced several thuds against the windows. Most times the dazed birds sit on the ground for a spell and then fly off. There have been a few fatalities, however.

The other afternoon my grandson, Will, was visiting and as is almost always the case, he spends most of his visit outside with Grandpa. There are so many things and places he has to check and the feeders are one of them. This visit was a bit different, however. There on the ground beneath the feeder was a male goldfinch.

It could hop but we quickly discovered it could not fly. A victim of the windows I assumed. I picked it up and Will had a very close up view of that very pretty bird. His Mom, Grandma, and little sister came out to visit the little bird, too. We talked Will into letting us place him on the feeder so he could eat and “build up his strength”. But a three-year old cannot walk away and forget things so after a visit or two, the bird hopped off the feeder. So, we then convinced him that the bird could stay in the blazing star

flowers until it was better. Finally, the novelty wore off (sorta) and we were able to go swing and ride the merry-go-round. But before we went inside, he had to go check on the birdy again.

Many people know the American Goldfinch as the State Bird of Iowa. It is incorrect to call it the Iowa State Bird as that is an honor bestowed upon the Cardinal! Contact my office if you don’t get that.

Goldfinches are among the strictest vegetarians in the bird world, selecting an entirely vegetable diet and only inadvertently swallowing an occasional insect.

American Goldfinches breed later than most North American birds. They wait to nest until late July and August when milkweed, thistle, and other plants have produced their fibrous seeds, which goldfinches incorporate into their nests and also feed their young.

Brown-headed Cowbirds are nest parasites and lay their eggs in the nests of many, many different birds. But when they try an American Goldfinch nest, the cowbird egg may hatch but the nestling seldom survives longer than three days. The cowbird chick simply can’t survive on the all-seed diet that goldfinches feed their young.

How long can goldfinches survive in the wild? I’m glad you asked. The oldest known American Goldfinch was 10 years 9 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during a banding operation in Maryland.

Not such a report for Will’s little friend, however. The next day, Grandma discovered its little body up under the swingset. Such is the way of nature.

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# Take a Cruise Down Memory Lane

A look back through The Grundy Register

Compiled by Amy Cleveland

**10 Years Ago This Week - 2010**

• Four detasslers were treated at Grundy County Memorial Hospital after being struck by spray from a crop duster. A total of 21 workers were sprayed, with most being decontaminated at the scene by the Grundy Center Fire Department and Grundy Center Ambulance. The incident was the third of its kind this summer. Last Tuesday a group of detasslers were also struck and a lone bicyclist was struck by spray in the northern part of the county.

• The Grundy County Fair kicked off its 6-day run with livestock check-in, non-livestock judging, the dog show and the annual Fair Queen Contest. For the second straight year a Johnson wore the crown. Hollie Johnson, the daughter of Vernon and Lynda Johnson, followed in the footsteps of her sister Codie, who was the 2009 Fair Queen. Codie was not there to crown her sister, as she is currently studying in Brazil.

• First Baptist Church in Grundy Center celebrated the Fourth of July with a patriotic service and recognition of two servicemen preparing for deployment this fall. Mark Greiner and Chad Mackie both serve in the National Guard. Mark is serving as Staff Sergeant with the 133rd Infantry, while Chad is serving as Chaplain with the 234th Brigade Special Troop Battalion. Both men will be leaving home for active duty the first week of August and will be arriving in Afghanistan some time in late fall.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "The Last Airbender" and "Grown-Ups."

**25 Years Ago This Week - 1995**

• Ragbrai XXIII begins this Sunday in Onawa and ends the following Saturday in Muscatine. On Wednesday, the ride will travel through Grundy County. An estimated 8,500 to 10,000 bicyclers will enter Holland, then Grundy Center, then Beaman and finally Conrad. Bicyclists will then move to Marshall County.

• During the Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board voted unanimously to proceed to have plans and bid specs drawn up by the architect for a 6-bed jail for Grundy County. The specs are to include alternated for an indoor exercise area and an outdoor exercise area, and with a starting construction date in the fall of 1995 and the spring of 1996.

• The Grundy Center Lady Spartans celebrated their biggest win of the season as they defeated South Tama in Tama on July 11. The score was 20-7.

• For the second year in a row, the Holland Men's Fast pitch softball team has qualified for the state "Major" tournament. The major is the top class of fast pitch in the state, featuring Iowa's top 20 teams. In 1994, Holland's first appearance in the major resulted in a 5th place finish.

**50 Years Ago This Week - 1970**

• The Grundy County Board of Supervisors approved adding a special one-quarter mill levy to all rural property tax bills next year to help finance the establishment of the proposed county sanitary landfill and the supervisors asked the councils of the county's nine cities and towns to follow suit.

• Dike Jaycee Chapter selected Maureen Moore to represent Dike at the Grundy County Fair as Miss Dike. Glenda Sloth was first runner-up and Pam Murphy was second runner-up.

• The Grundy County Board of Supervisors appointed John Beenken to succeed Harold B. Brown as a member of the Grundy County Conservation Board. Both men are of Grundy Center. The appointment which is effective July 15, is for five years.

• Firemen from eight towns took part in a water fight at Grundy Center in preparation for the contest at the upcoming state firemen's convention. On hand for the local competition were firemen from Albion, Beaman, Conrad, Dike, Eldora, Grundy Center, Holland and Reinbeck.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "True Grit" starring John Wayne and "The Italian Job."

**75 Years Ago This Week - 1945**

• John O'Connor, former manager of the Tik Tok Grocery Store in Grundy Center, has been visiting with old friends in Grundy Center during the past week. This is his first return to Grundy Center since he completed his boot training a year and nine months ago.

• The Holland Grain Company will build another warehouse storage building to add to their elevator and the bug warehouse erected a few years ago. The new building will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels.

• The domestic fuel situation will be tighter this coming winter than at any time since the war began. The magnitude of the job ahead in the Pacific will keep fuel requirements high, and manpower, equipment and the other necessary factors in supplying fuel will remain short.

• Lt. LeRoy Vanderwicken, editor of The Register, called his wife from Newport News, Virginia, as soon as he returned from England. He has been in the Navy two years and hopes to be able to get a short leave to come home before he goes to sea again.

• Playing at the Center Theatre this week is "Bring on the Girls" starring Veronica Lake, "Main Street After Dark" and "Dangerous Passage."



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**Guest column**

**'Living the Good Life'**

By: Emerson Kracht

Grundy Center, a small town in rural Iowa placed in the middle of fields and farms, will always be my hometown. A town where my mom has always lived and where I have grown up.

With a population of around 2,600 people and an area of 2.53 mi<sup>2</sup>, my town's motto is 'Living the Good Life'. To some city slickers, one grocery store, one coffee shop, two gas stations, one pool, one movie theatre, one bowling alley, three parks, one school district, and a handful of restaurants doesn't appear to be lively, so to speak. But to a small-town girl like me, those businesses and their owners make Grundy the unique and enjoyable town that it is.

Throughout high school, I couldn't help but notice how often my friends and classmates would repeat the phrase "I can't wait to get out of Grundy Center." Although I think the exploration of new places is very beneficial, it still hurt me a bit when I realized that not a lot of my peers viewed our great small town as I have.

Some people have to go experience different places to recognize how supportive their hometowns were and sometimes they might realize the opposite. I think I'm a step ahead of most people in those regards because I've had the opportunity to witness how great the people of my community are through working in a local small business - a coffee shop owned by my family.

Natural Grind opened in August of 2018 after a couple of months of remodeling and decorating. Since then, I can't believe how many amazing people I've met from Grundy, as well as surrounding small towns, just from working for my mom as a Barista. My mom, dad, and I decided to start this journey after viewing a building on Main Street that had once been a coffee shop a whole decade earlier.

With an apartment upstairs where my Grandma could live, the pieces all started to fall into place for this new chapter of our lives. This building and my parents' idea for a coffee shop seemed scary, risky, but most of all adventurous. After being in the corporate world of healthcare, my mom wanted to take a break and focus on some other passions that she had. Those interests included education regarding healthy living and simply serving others - which just so happened to involve selling delicious coffee drinks and healthy food!

The name 'Natural Grind - Health Market and Cafe' seemed to flawlessly fit the passions that my family shared. About a year into opening the coffee shop, my mom also took on the position as Grundy Center Chamber - Main Street Director. Observing her tasks and leadership within this role has grown my appreciation for Grundy Center Main Street and local businesses even more. Since she is a small business owner herself, I believe it helps her to better understand the concerns and opinions that other small business owners have, as well as customers.

Owning a small business is hard work and being able to learn about the 'behind-the-scenes' tasks that my mom needs to do in order to help provide for our family has shown me that. I'm truly amazed by all she does from ordering all of our food and supplies, to managing social media, to finding responsible employees, and always wearing a welcoming smile to new and regular customers.

I have learned that supporting local small businesses is so important to small-town economies because each unique shop, service, or business is what draws in out-of-towners. Small businesses aren't easy to keep afloat, and as a cafe, we have been very fortunate to have so many supportive costumers.

We often asked new faces to walk in, "What brings you into Grundy?" Some of my favorite responses have been "Oh, we heard Grundy had a cute Main Street with unique stores and restaurants and we wanted to take a trip!" and "We just got married and decided to stay one night in the charming Airbnb loft above 319 Decor and Design!"

My all-time favorite response came from a New-York Times news journalist who said "I'm following Joe Biden to Des Moines for his campaign. I accidentally took a wrong turn and ended up here!" Successful small businesses require hard work, and when communities support them, the town thrives.

Grundy Center is a great example of a community that has many unique businesses with costumers who love to shop locally and see those businesses be successful. Due to the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, these last four months have been very challenging for many small businesses around the globe.

For some, it hasn't even been possible to stay afloat and their only option was to close doors. In Grundy Center, we are extremely blessed to have such a supportive community. Throughout the many recent public health changes, the people of Grundy Center and surrounding towns have shown their appreciation

towards our businesses by continuing to order and shop in safe ways. My family and I are especially grateful to have been able to stay open by temporarily switching to curbside service and deliveries.

We also decided to begin a lunchbox program that allowed people to buy lunchboxes for families or elderly within our community. We compiled a list of names of people whom we thought would appreciate a boxed-lunch and would deliver them out once we collected donations from our customers. This is another important reason to support local businesses.

Often times, business owners are so appreciative of the support that they want to give back. Seeing businesses succeed provides small towns with a variety of places to enjoy. Everyone wants to be a part of a welcoming community and what is more welcoming than unique shops, a variety of restaurants, beautiful buildings, and kind people? Getting to know my community better has grown my appreciation for my small town and the costumers I see daily. As I go off to college one month from now, I will be sure to look for those same types of people in a new community because I know that is important in 'Living the Good Life.'

Ms. Kracht is a 2020 graduate of Grundy Center High School.

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July	15	77	53	0.00
July	16	83	55	0.00
July	17	87	67	0.00
July	18	89	67	0.00
July	19	88	63	0.00
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Obituaries

**Arnold Schaap**

A celebration of life service for Arnold Schaap of Ackley will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30th behind Voss Studios in Austinville. Service will be outside, feel free to bring your own lawn chairs.

**Winnie Werkman**

Winnie Werkman, age 103, resident of Brookridge Retirement Home has gone to be with her trusted Lord and Savior.

Winnie was the 7th and last of the 11 children of Dick, Sr and Winnie Werkman. She was born in Holland, IA and lived there until her son, Mark, reached the 7th grade when she decided to move four miles away to Grundy Center where she could be closer to school and her job. Winnie was a loyal active member of the Holland Christian Reformed Church. Winnie completed a 20+ year career with the local Rural Electric Cooperative as an office clerical employee. In September of 1995, at the age of 78, she decided a move to Winston Salem which would put her closer to Mark's family and have a better opportunity to watch her grandkids, Meghan and Mark, II grow up. In Winston she was a member of Mt. Tabor UMC. She enjoyed the many activities of her Suzannah Wesley Sunday school class. Winnie spent countless hours crocheting bedspreads, table coverings and Christmas decorations that family and friends



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have to remember her with. Winnie was preceded in passing by her parents, 10 siblings and her most cherished grandson, Mark, II. She is survived by son, Mark, daughter-in-law Maggie and granddaughter Meghan E. along with one sister-in-law Lois and many nieces, nephews and their families. Winnie will journey back to Holland where she will rest alongside many family and friends. In lieu of flowers and gifts memorials can be made to Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, Winston Salem.

**Gregory Roberts**

Gregory Charles "Greg" Roberts, 60, of Dike, Iowa passed away peacefully at his home in Dike. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the Abels Funeral and Cremation Service, Dike Chapel. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the Dike United Methodist Church, in Dike, Iowa. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Dike. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.abels-funeralhomes.com

Gregory Roberts



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**Services:**  
July 22 at 10 a.m. at Dike UMC Church

**Burial:**  
Elmwood Cemetery

**Visitation:**  
July 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Abels Funeral Chapel

School. He also enjoyed playing golf, however his true joy in life was spending time with his family, friends, and especially his nieces. He will be missed and long remembered.

Greg is survived by his sister Dana (Kevin) Brandl of Humphrey, NE; nieces Kaydie and Danie Brandl of Humphrey, NE; aunts Nancy Venenga of Grundy Center, IA, Marcia Stumpf of Cedar Falls, IA and Rebecca (Eric) Jacobs of Seattle, WA; and many cousins and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Doris Roberts.



**Couple to wed in August**

Announcing the marriage of Britney Keller to Jacob Smoldt which will be held August 8, 2020 at Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo, Iowa.

Parents of the couple are Jason and Michelle Keller of Morrison, Iowa. Betsy Keller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dan and Shelli Smoldt of Reinbeck, Iowa.

Britney works for Telegin in West Des Moines and Jacob works for Wellmark in Des Moines. They reside in Norwalk, Iowa.



**To celebrate 90th birthday**

Jvonne Moeller will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 26, 2020, with a card shower.

Jvonne was born on July 26, 1930, the daughter of Jake and Tena Franken, she married Leon Moeller on January 6th, 1950.

Her children are Jim (Deanna), and Jerry (Glenda). Jvonne has five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to her at 1107 12th Street, Grundy Center, IA 50638

Dike News

Diane Paige, Correspondent — 319-989-2163

Birthdays

Thursday, July 23: Barb Lovell, Marcus Miller, Kendra Paige, Amy Camarata  
Friday, July 24: Leona Pruisner, Jerry Schipper, Dax Weedman  
Saturday, July 25: Valerie Crew, Don Lupardus, Gary Freese, Dana Roberts  
Sunday, July 26: Cathy Lovell Muller, Mike Heerkes, Delbert Arends, Julie Sherwood, Roxanne Schiller  
Monday, July 27: Billy Freese, Eva Clark, Travis Mesenbrink, Carl Andersen, Justin Marx, Josie Mulder  
Tuesday, July 28: Isaac Stockdale  
Wednesday, July 29: Lillian Marks, Linda Dunkelberger  
Thursday, July 30: Blake Lotts, Chloe Schipper

Dates for Dike

**Thursday, July 23 - Friday, July 24**  
State Softball all week  
**Sunday, July 26**  
Local church services  
All are welcome (Dike United Methodist)  
**Monday - Friday July 27 - 31**  
State Baseball  
Each day we hear new ideas from teachers, students and administrators from Dike-New Hartford and other surrounding schools. All are experiencing challenges in finding methods and solutions for getting school started in late August 2020. Superintendent Justin Stockdale and a channel 7 News reporter gave us a look at the new equipment our school is using and will continue to use as needed. There are many unknowns when it comes to the start of a new school year so our best task is patience. Put yourself in their shoes. How many phone calls would you want to answer? We trust that solutions for each and every student is being taken into consideration. We wait, we watch, we learn.

Pickleball

The new pickleball courts are being used and several of the players are looking for players of all skill levels. Sid and company have some set time schedules and they are looking for someone to help coordinate these and hopefully add more court times.  
Join the fun and drive by the area and watch players and make it a new exercise.

Upper Iowa graduates

FAYETTE - Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce its May 2020 graduates, followed by their major, degree and respective honors. The graduates included:  
New Hartford - Blaine Becker, Conservation Mgmt, Bachelor of Science  
Grundy Center - Grace Maitland, Health Services Admin, Bachelor of Science  
Dike - Jacob Moore, Conservation Mgmt, Bachelor of Science  
Conrad - Kiel Stevenson, Public Administration, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude

Mount Mercy Dean's List

CEDAR RAPIDS - The following student(s) were named to Mount Mercy University's Spring 2020 Dean's List. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better and who are graded for six or more semester hours are eligible for inclusion on the Dean's List.  
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Reinbeck: Paige Adair

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Dike sled dogs

Just when I thought I was not going to have an interesting picture for the paper, I came across a pack of sled dogs taking a rest on the north side of town. Yes, north. But work dogs need to keep moving more north to snow country. Imagine they are belly deep in snow with a sled behind and you are in the driver's seat! MUSH MUSH! How was that for thinking cool?



Beat the heat

There must be at least 90 ways to beat the heat, wait, that is the temperature we are trying to beat. For several weeks now we have experienced 85 to 90 degree daytime temps with 65 to 70 overnight temps. You might have tried turning off the air conditioner to give it a break but with a beautiful sun rise comes heat. Parents have worked hard keeping the kids cool. Back yard pools can be seen in many yards. Maybe we should take a poll to find out if the adults have taken a quick dip in the kids pool? Then there is the construction of this adult pool that can be shared with the Paar kids. Kevin and Sara have enjoyed an above ground pool for years but this year the decision was made to make improvements. The old pool has been replaced by this 18 x 38 pool that is 54 inches deep with 4 feet of water. The surrounding deck is under construction, bath house updated making this a back yard dream come true for the Paar family.

Nail biter or rocking chair lead

The announcer picks up the mic, teams are in their dugouts, line-ups are ready and we hear the National Anthem followed by "Lets Play Ball." We watch the umpires take their positions, one sweeps home plate and the field ump positions behind first base until there becomes a runner on base. He then moves to a position between first and second making sure to stay out of the base path. All umpires learn very quickly and know instinctively which base-runner configurations require you to be in which starting position.  
Our D-NH team has given us a few nail-biters and last Saturday was a relax (rocking chair) lead starting in the 1st inning. The team held the lead by maintaining focus and fans enjoyed peanuts and popcorn but always ready with a cheer of support. Put the gloves on, swing the bats and go for another first for this 2020 baseball team.  
We will be looking for a win in the substate game in any fashion. We can medicate for the nail-biter or toast a rocking chair victory.

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Lisa Dietrich, Pastor 319-989-2065 Sundays 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p><b>Liberty Baptist Church (GARBC)</b> 705 1st Street 319-989-2141</p>	<p>Sundays 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Evening Praise Service</p> <p><b>United Methodist Church</b> Dan Ridnour, Pastor 319-989-2535 Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Service Wednesdays 5:45 p.m., F.I.R.E. service</p> <p><b>Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> Mark Decker, Pastor 319-988-3967 Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p><b>GRUNDY CENTER</b></p> <p><b>American Lutheran Church</b> Luther Thoresen, Pastor 319-824-3557 www.alcgc.org Sundays 8:45 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Bethany Presbyterian Church</b> Al Polito, Pastor 319-824-5471 Sundays 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Fellowship Time Wednesdays 5:00 p.m., J.A.M. Youth program with meal</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church (GARBC)</b> Nathan Barkley, Pastor 319-824-3324 www.fbgrundy.com office@fbgrundy.com Sundays 9:15 a.m. Adult Small Group 10:20 a.m. Harvest Kids 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., AWANA 7 p.m., Youth Group</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b> 319-824-3152 www.facebook.com/grundy-centerfirstpres Sundays 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Study in Chapel</p> <p><b>Orchard Hill Church</b> Brian Steenhoek, Pastor 1800 G Avenue 319-266-9411 www.orchardhillchurch.org 9:15 a.m. services 10:45 a.m. services Nursery (0-3 yrs old) available during both services</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church</b> Jerry R. 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Barb Muhs, Pastor 641-473-2450 Sundays 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><b>LISCOMB</b></p> <p><b>Bethel Grove Church</b> Scott Hand, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>Liscomb Church of Christ</b> Ralph Norman, Pastor Sundays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship</p> <p><b>MARSHALLTOWN</b></p> <p><b>Elim Lutheran Church – ECLA</b> Sundays 8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Forum</p> <p><b>Evangelical Free church</b> Bob Kosbau, Pastor Sundays 9 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>New Hope Christian Church</b></p>	<p>Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship Service</p> <p><b>Sundays</b> 9 and 10:45 a.m. Worship in Chapel (Café Style) and Auditorium</p> <p><b>Redeemer Lutheran Church</b> Sundays 9 a.m. Divine Service 10 a.m. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>St. Henry Catholic Church &amp; St. Mary Catholic Church</b> Fr. 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### Self-Examination

"Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord."  
Lamentations 3:40 NIV

Socrates' famous remark that the unexamined life is not worth living is probably an overstatement, but there is certainly a grain of truth in the idea that we should examine our lives, and by this Socrates really meant a moral examination. That is, do our words match up with our deeds? Have we sinned by breaking any of the ten commandments or have we perhaps sinned by omission, by failing to do something we should do? A thorough self-examination might also require us to really question our beliefs about right and wrong. Are there things which we take for granted as permissible which in reality are not. This is where it can be helpful to have a spiritual advisor, someone who can tell us the things which we sometimes refuse to see about ourselves. Sometimes our intuition about



something makes it appear self-evident and too obvious to question when in fact this is just a blatant prejudice. Finally, we can be fooled by our feelings. Feelings can be so strong that they appear to us as facts. The feeling of jealousy can seem to prove that your beloved was unfaithful, just as the feeling of anger seems to validate the fact that you were wronged. A conscientious self-examination should be a regular part of our spiritual journey.  
- Christopher Simon

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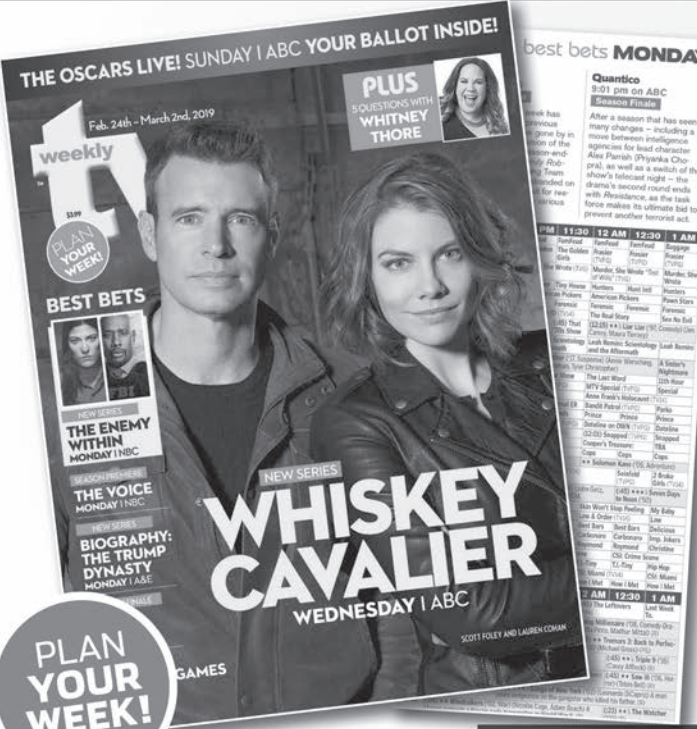
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# Grundy Center Junior Golf Classic 2020

The Annual Grundy Center Junior Golf Classic was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020. The day started a little foggy, but the sun came out which led to some great golf.

15-18 year old boys division there were 2 golfers. Division Champion was Ben Wegmann with a 39, Runner up honors went to Tanner Hoeg with a 57. Both boys are from Grundy Center.

15-18 year old girls division there was one golfer. Taking the Championship was Abbie Lindaman from Grundy Center with a 48.

13-14 year old boys division Championship honors went to Judd Jirovsky of Grundy Center with a 38. Runner up also from Grundy Center Preston Martens with a 44. We had a lot of great golfers in the division. Other participants were Sullivan Dirks with a 45, Colin Gordon with a 49, they are both from Grundy Center. Mason Martin of Conrad with a 55 and Alex Kiewiet of Grundy Center with a 64.

13-14 year old girls division Championship honors went to Brylee Hoeg with a 56. Brylee is from Grundy Center.

11-12 year old boys division played from the front tees. Championship honors in this division went to Grundy Center's Eli Wegmann with a 48. Runner up honors went to Jaxon Kiewiet also of Grundy Center with a 56.

11-12 year old girls division had 2 young ladies. Aniya Vogel from Ackley took the Championship with a 73. Runner up from Grundy Center was Contessa Dirks with a 77.

8-10 year old boys division, who played from shorter tees, had 3 young gentlemen. Weston Martens of Grundy Center had a 51, Rilon Nelson also of Grundy Center had a 55 and Maddox Vogel of Ackley had a 73.

8-10 year old girls division also played from the shorter tees and had the largest group of



8-10 boys left to right Rilon Nelson, Weston Martens, Maddox Vogel. (Photos courtesy of Carol Freeman)



8-10 girls left to right Macey Kiewiet, Torrance Dirks, Brynn Buseman, Briley Jordan, Reagan Pekarek, Laney Jordan, Morgan Martens.

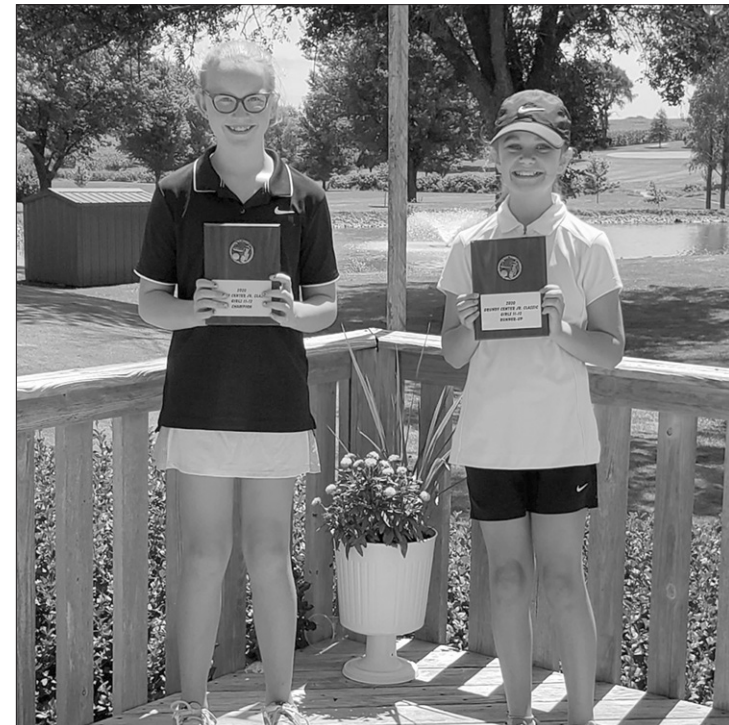
participates. Macey Kiewiet of Grundy Center had a 54, Trinity Jirovsky of Grundy Center had a 65, Brynn Buseman of Well-

burg had a 70, Morgan Martens of Grundy Center had a 71, Briley Jordan also from Grundy Center had a 71, Torrance Dirks from Grundy Center had an 80 and Laney Jordan also of Grundy Center had an 81.

The tournament committee would like to Town and Country Golf Course for hosting tournament and Dr. Paul Eberline for donating hot dogs and chips. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered to keep score or helped in any other way. We could not do this tournament without all the help from the club house staff and our volunteers!! Thank you to all the golfers for participating and their parents for getting them out to the course! We truly appreciate everyone's help in making this a positive experience for our young golfers.



11-12 boys left to right Eli Wegmann - Champion, Jaxon Kiewiet - Runner up.



11-12 girls left to right Aniya Vogel - Champion, Contessa Dirks - Runner up.



13-14 boys left to right Preston Martens - Runner up, Judd Jirovsky - Champion.



15-18 boys left to right Ben Wegmann - Champion, Tanner Hoeg - Runner up.



15-18 girl left Champion Abbie Lindaman and 13-14 girl right Champion Brylee Hoeg.

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF CONRAD

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 07-09-20. Officials present were Council Members John Dinsmore, Peg Brown, Diane Miller and Todd Schnathorst. Lindsay Kuhl attended by telephone. Also in attendance were Lori Stansberry, City Administrator/Clerk and Luke Wilson, Clapsaddle, Garber & Associates (CGA) via telephone. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved by Schnathorst and seconded by Brown. Council member Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Miller. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: Minutes from the June 11, 2020 council meeting; Clerk's June 20 financial reports; payment of claims totaling \$199,486.55, approve June building permits, approve liquor license for Hen and Chicks Studio, approve Jill Stufflebeam to library board with term expiring June 30, 2024 and move RJ's liquor license from the back to the front for August 1, 2020 for a one day event and to close Main Street. Motion approved 5-0. The following claims include expenses for the City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department and B-CERT. Advantage Admin, benefits..... 735.00 Alliant, utilities..... 7,737.35 American Legion, flag..... 40.00 American Red Cross, fee..... 200.00 Bank of America, supplies, Dues, fuel..... 935.65 Better Homes & Garden, magazine 8.00 Blacktop Service, asphalt patching..... 2,500.00 Boston Gunderson, mowing..... 300.00 Bound Tree Medical, supplies..... 269.55 Central IA Dist., supplies..... 98.30 Clapsaddle, engineering..... 16,807.65 Collaborative Summer, supplies..... 98.35 ConStruct, construction..... 89,206.00 Conrad Auto Supply, parts..... 15.33 Conrad Tire, service..... 749.00 Consumer Reports, magazine..... 30.00 Cooking Light, magazine..... 20.00 Cooley Pump, hand wash station 150.00 Country Sampler, magazine..... 19.98 Cowan Roofing, service..... 270.00

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## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF DIKE

**City of Dike Sewer Rate Ordinance beginning August 1, 2020**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.2.13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DIKE, IOWA TO CHANGE THE SEWER RATES. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIKE, IOWA: SECTION 1. SECTION 3.2.13, RATE OF RENT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DIKE, IOWA IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: THE RATE OF RENT FOR SEWER USE SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO THE NET WATER BILL FOR EACH PREMISES WITHIN THE SEWER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS: MONTHLY METER RATE \$23.00 AND \$12.00 PER 1000 GALLONS WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT FEE BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2020. Passed on July 8, 2020 Michael Soppe, Mayor GR30-1

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF DIKE

**City of Dike Water Rate Ordinance beginning August 1, 2020**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.1.13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DIKE, IOWA TO CHANGE THE WATER RATES CHARGED TO DIKE MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS CUSTOMERS. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIKE, IOWA: SECTION 1. SECTION 3.1.13, WATER RATES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DIKE, IOWA IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: WATER SHALL BE FURNISHED AT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY RATES PER METER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS: MONTHLY METER RATE: \$13.00 AND \$4.50 PER 1000 GALLONS AND 2ND METERS RATE \$13.00 AND \$4.50 PER 1000 GALLONS BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2020. Passed on July 8, 2020 Michael Soppe, Mayor GR30-1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Grundy County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the 3rd day of August, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. in the conference room at the Grundy County Engineer's Office, 22580 M Ave., Grundy Center, Iowa, for purposes of considering an Easement in favor of the City of Grundy Center upon the real estate legally described, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Lot Eleven (11) of Block Four (4) of Kerr's Hubbard Addition to the Town (now City) of Grundy Center, Iowa also within the Northwest One-quarter (NW ¼) of the Northwest One-quarter (NW ¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Eighty-seven (87) North, Range Sixteen (16) West of the 5th P.M.; thence N00°13'16"E 18.27 feet along the west line of the existing parcel described by recorder's book 73-B, page 101 to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N00°13'16"E 20.00 feet along the west line of said existing parcel; thence S68°53'58"E 51.36 feet; thence S00°13'16"W 20.00 feet; thence N68°53'58"W 51.36 feet to the Point of Beginning. NOTE: the west line of the existing parcel described by Recorder's Book 73-B at Page 101 is assumed to bear N00°13'16"E feet for the purpose of this description. for the purpose of constructing, repairing and maintain a sign, along with the rights of ingress and egress. GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GR30-1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and legal description are located at the office of the Grundy County Zoning Administrator. The public hearing will be held both in person and also by teleconference as needed for members not able to be in person due to Covid-19 restrictions. Any one wishing to give written comments on this matter are able to do so until Monday July 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Submitted this 20th day of July, 2020 by Carie Steinbron, Grundy County Zoning Administrator. GR30-1

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## Area athletes compete at BGM track carnival

By JAKE RYDER

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Carson Hoffman was all in on track and field.

The BCLUW student-athlete, who will be a senior this fall, opted to not go out for wrestling as a junior last winter so he could focus on indoor track and field training.

"I was aiming for about 20 feet in the long jump and probably around an 11.3 for my 100 [-meter dash] time," Hoffman said.

Hoffman performed well at the Dickinson Relays in Cedar Falls on March 10. He was 40th out of 138 jumpers in the long jump, hitting 19 feet even. In the 60-meter dash, he ran a 7.74.

By the following Monday, schools were closed and spring sports were put on hold.

After a month of agonizing waiting, the decision came down from the Governor's office: Schools would remain closed. Spring sports would be canceled.

"It was depressing," Hoffman said.

Knowing that there were many in Hoffman's position, Track Guy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the sport of track and field, set out to organize one-off track and field meets to give athletes a chance to compete in the age of COVID-19.

After a successful distance event carnival was held in Humboldt on June 16; Track Guy secured a second meet in Brooklyn at BGM High School on July 7.

This one had a wider variety of events, and it caught the eye of Hoffman and many others.

"I was just trying to see where I was at, what I needed to work on," Hoffman said. "It had been four months, I needed to be open-minded about what happened or didn't happen."

Leading up to July's event, Hoffman had not used the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to take time off.

Through a connection with fellow classmate Presley Engle, Hoffman was able to use the gym of Presley's dad Eric, a powerlifter and BCLUW alum.

A past Robert Mahary profile of Engle's gym in The Grundy



Dahlia Gardiner

Register describes it as one that "could easily pass for a professional one."

"I haven't had a shortage of equipment or anything like that," Hoffman said.

Hoffman bulked up, putting on what he estimated was 10 pounds of just muscle.

That could be a plus on the football field this fall, but for track and field he needed to change his workout plan for a more agility-focused sport.

More repetitions, less weight.

Hoffman also had access to the high school track, which helped for getting his steps correct for the long jump.

But Hoffman wouldn't be going to Brooklyn alone. Comet teammate Tyler Bracy signed up, as well as Dahlia Gardiner, who qualified for state in the long jump last year with BCLUW, finishing 20th in the 1A event as a freshman. Gardiner has since transferred to Grundy Center.

"I was hoping to compete at state for long jump again this year and maybe for shot put as well," Gardiner said. "There was a period of time [this spring] where I did not a lot at all, but started up later lifting again and going down to the track. ... Carson and I went out to the long jump pit and practiced our steps."

"It's much easier when you have somewhere to lift weights instead of body-weight workouts, there's more progress."

More than 200 athletes made the journey to Brooklyn to get



BCLUW's Carson Hoffman leaps during the long jump at the Dickinson Relays in the UNI-Dome earlier this year. (Jake Ryder photo)

some long-awaited competition.

Hoffman was 14th out of 17 competitors in the long jump, leaping 18 feet, 5.5 inches. He was 25th out of 36 runners in the 200-meter dash in 25.47. In the 100-meter dash prelims, he ran 12.30 for 27th, a couple tenths of a second behind Bracy, who was 24th in 12.16.

Gardiner was fourth out of seven girls in the shot put with a best throw of 33 feet, 1.75 inches. In the long jump, Gardiner was seventh out of 13 leapers with a best jump of 14 feet, 0.50 inches.

"I wasn't expecting to make any PRs," Gardiner said, "I just wanted to go down and compete and have fun."

The safety guidelines in place didn't make for a radical-different track meet, just one that was much more focused on sanitation. Heats were lined up

10 feet away from each other, hand sanitizer needed to be used after touching starting blocks and items like hurdles were disinfected if someone hit them.

"I thought it was great," Hoffman said. "It was nice to get back into it and showed me what I'm going to have to work on agility-wise. I run like a brick right now."

Hoffman is considering going back into wrestling for his senior season in addition to football and track. Gardiner is planning on playing volleyball, basketball and track in her junior season.

"Being able to compete again made me more motivated to keep up on workouts and get better," Gardiner said.

Hoffman added, "I really enjoyed being back running again. Track's my favorite sport and it was nice to get back into it."

## Sports briefs

By JAKE RYDER

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**Koop nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year award**

Rachel Koop, a recent graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, has been nominated for the NCAA's Woman of the Year award.

Koop was the MVC Setter of the Year in 2019 for the regular-season champions in the MVC that went on to the NCAA Tournament. Koop was also a MVC first-team scholar athlete, a member of the MVC All-Tournament Team and AVCA All-Midwest Region honoree. She finished her career ranked eighth in career assists with 2,983.

Up to two nominees per conference in the NCAA are selected based on their respective achievements in academics, athletics, service and leadership.

A selection committee chooses the top 10 honorees in each division from the nominations, which is then reduced to three finalists per division before the Committee on Women's Athletics votes from among the top nine finalists to determine the 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year, which will be announced this fall.

**IHSAA commits to fall sports schedule**

The Iowa High School Athletic Association announced last week it is committed to starting the fall sports season on time.

The first practice date for cross country, football and Class 4A golf is scheduled for Aug. 10.

The IHSAA posted a statement to social media: "The health and safety of student-ath-

letes and their communities has been our priority as we work to provide opportunities during this pandemic, and will remain so as we move forward into the 2020-21 school year."

The statement also noted that further sports guidance for member schools will be provided the week of July 27.

Other high school athletic associations in the country have announced delays or, in some cases, moving fall sports to spring.

**NJCAA moves some sports to spring**

The National Junior College Athletic Association announced last week that a majority of the 2020-21 athletic competition will be moved to the spring semester.

All close-contact fall sports will be moved to the spring, including football, men's and women's soccer, and court volleyball. The NJCAA Cross Country Championships for all three divisions and half-marathon championships will remain on their originally scheduled dates in the fall, along with Division III women's tennis.

All winter sports competition will begin in January, with most championship seasons moved from March to April, including men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and swimming and diving. Men's and women's bowling and men's and women's indoor track and field will be held at the beginning of March.

Spring sports remain largely intact, with minor adjustments to dates. Championship dates are subject to change based on championship facility availability.

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# Comeback Cougars rally again

By JAKE RYDER

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ACKLEY – Taylor Sperflage knew the AGWSR softball team had been here before.

The Cougars have had to come back from significant deficits in games earlier this summer, and faced another one in Friday's regional semifinal against Janesville.

The Wildcats built a 10-4 lead in the fourth inning.

"I don't think we were too nervous," Sperflage said. "We were just looking for base hits."

Sperflage had a big base hit in the fifth with a two-run home run and came up with the winning run on a sacrifice fly that scored MaKenna Kuper for a 14-13 victory and a spot in Monday's regional final at third-ranked Clarksville.

AGWSR, ranked 14th in Class 1A, improved to 11-4. Earlier this year, the Cougars overcame early deficits to BCLUW and Grundy Center to find victory.

The bats are showing up for the Cougars, racking up 15 hits to match a speedy, savvy Janesville squad blow for blow.

That's a good sign for a team that struggled to find hits in a 1-0 regional final loss to Bishop Garrigan last year.

"We gave them the take sign a lot tonight," AGWSR co-head coach Brenda Drake said. "But once they saw it, they were focused. We had big hits at the bottom of the lineup; [Sammi] deNeui had a nice big hit, Avery had a nice hit to keep it going, too. Of course Kuper's been on lately, too. ... We had to hit to win, and we did that."

Another Cougar finding their mojo in the batter's box on Friday was Ali Gerbracht. The senior catcher/pitcher was 0-for-3 with a strikeout in Wednesday's 2-0 win against BCLUW and appeared visibly frustrated with her performance after Wednesday's game.

"I wasn't having the best attitude the last few days and I knew that I had to fix it," Gerbracht said. "Today, I came in positive, ready to go, ready to adjust, not worried about striking out, just worried about having a good solid hit."

Gerbracht had three hits on Friday, driving in two runs directly and putting balls in play that scored two more, and also crossed the plate twice for the Cougars.

"She wants to hit it so bad that she gets overaggressive sometimes," Drake said. "She has to slow herself down, we threw her pitches and it's like, 'You can only swing at these pitches,' and that's kind got her focused a little more."

She also pitched the final four and one-third innings in relief of Rachel Sicard, striking out four with one walk and three earned runs on six hits.

"It was a tight strike zone for both teams and Ali came in and did awesome," Drake said. "We knew that they were a good hitting team and we had to shut that down and I thought we played defense really well."

Sperflage's first home run of the summer came at a perfect time. The Cougars trailed 11-7 going into the bottom of the fifth but Gerbracht started the scoring with a single that scored Kuper. With two outs, Sperflage stepped in and belted a no-doubter over the left-field fence, getting the Cougars within a run at 11-10.

"I was feeling really good, very confident at the plate," Sperflage said. "I think [Janesville pitcher Bailey Hoff] was a really good speed for us and we really wanted this one bad for our seniors."

After Alyssa Hames drew a walk, Sammi deNeui delivered a hit to right that scored Hames from first as the tying run.

In the seventh, the Wildcats put some pressure on AGWSR with run-scoring hits from Hoff and Cloey McCarville. In the bottom half of the inning, Rachel Sicard led off with a walk and Sperflage doubled to put Taylor and courtesy runner Tessa Sperflage on second and third, respectively. Alyssa Hames grounded out but Tessa scored from third. deNeui was walked and Avery Lafrenz lifted a sacrifice fly to right to score Taylor Sperflage for the tying run. The Cougars put runners on first and second but Sidney Schafer grounded into a fielder's choice to send the game to

extras.

Gerbracht and AGWSR's defense retired the Janesville side in five pitches in the eighth, and the Wildcats found themselves facing the top of the AGWSR order in the bottom of the eighth.

Kuper singled to start the inning and Gerbracht reached when the first baseman was pulled off the bag on a grounder. Kuper advanced to third on the miscue and Rachel Sicard was walked to load the bases and allow for a force at any base with Sperflage at the plate.

"Brenda told me I needed to just get a fly ball deep," Sperflage said. "I knew Kenna had speed, so no matter where it went, she was gonna score."

Friday's win sets up a matchup between the Cougars and Indians in Clarksville with a spot in the Class 1A state tournament on the line.

The last time these two teams met was June 1, 2019 at a North Butler tournament. Clarksville ace Kori Wedeking struck out 10 in five shutout innings as the Indians won 6-0. Clarksville went on to finish as runners-up to Collins-Maxwell at the state tournament; the Indians returned most of that team this summer, including Wedeking.

Wedeking, now a senior, has struck out 166 with three earned runs allowed in 82 innings pitched this season.

Sperflage and the Cougars look forward to the challenge.

"We haven't seen them in a long time. Hopefully we surprise them with our bats and how much we've improved," Sperflage said. "Our seniors love the sport and they're not ready to be done. We want to do as much as we can for them and help them play as long as they can."

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Janesville 9-8 (final); AGWSR 11-4. WP: Ali Gerbracht. LP: Bailey Hoff. Janesville / Pyper McCarville 4-5; Naomi Hovenga 2-4, RBI; Bailey Hoff 2B, 2 RBI; Chloe Kiene 2-2, 2B, 2 RBI; Cloey McCarville 2-4 RBI; Hope Hovenga 2-5, 2 2B, 4 RBI; Isabelle Rents RBI. AGWSR / MaKenna Kuper 3-4, 2B; Ali Gerbracht 3-5, 2B, 2 RBI; Rachel Sicard RBI; Taylor Sperflage 2-4, 2B, HR, 3 RBI; Alyssa Hames 3 RBI; Avery Lafrenz 2B, RBI; Sammi deNeui 2-4, 2B, RBI.



AGWSR's Trinity Rodgers runs down a fly ball in right-center during Monday's regional final with Clarksville. (Jake Ryder photo)

# Indians jump on Cougar miscues

By JAKE RYDER

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CLARKSVILLE – An early lead for AGWSR softball evaporated after Clarksville capitalized on fielding miscues and walks for a 6-1 win in Clarksville on Monday night in a Class 1A regional final.

The Indians return to the state tournament for the second year in a row and the third time in four years, and will play Akron-Westfield at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28 in a state quarterfinal.

AGWSR's season ends at 11-5.

The Cougars scored right away on the third-ranked Indians. MaKenna Kuper was hit by a pitch and sacrificed to third by Gerbracht and Sicard, leading to a Taylor Sperflage RBI single and a quick 1-0 lead.

For a couple innings, the Indians would threaten but not break through. Cheyenne Behrends was caught in a pickle between third and home in the first; Chloe Ross was left on second in the second; Clarksville left the bases loaded in the third.

In the fourth, the Indians finally broke through. Chloe Ross received a lead-off walk and was sacrificed to second. Two batters later, a wild pitch moved

Ross to third and she scored on a fielder's choice, successfully sliding around Ali Gerbracht's tag. The Indians loaded the bases again but Trinity Rodgers was able to track down a fly ball to get AGWSR out with a tie game after four.

"It was great to get off to a good start, we needed to do that," O'Brien said. "I just wish we could have maintained it a little longer."

Clarksville struck gold in the fifth inning, though. With two outs in the inning, Ross was walked again and Rachel Borchardt reached base on an error when a grounder went through the AGWSR infield. A mis-play by AGWSR's outfield resulted in the ball rolling to the fence, scoring Ross from first for a 2-1 Clarksville lead.

"We've got a lot of young kids out there, four freshmen out there on defense," O'Brien said. "Sometimes those things happen. They play like freshman, that's the way it was. We pick up that ball, make that play, it's a real close game all the way to the end."

After the Indians took the lead, Jenna Myers stepped in and blasted a two-run home run to make it 4-1, and a Behrends double two batters later pushed the lead to 5-1.

Defensively, Clarksville was poised behind ace Kori Wedeking. The senior finished with 12 strikeouts and the Indian defense retired nine Cougars in a row at one point.

"We worked on different things, worked on the speed," O'Brien said. "They battled hard, they gave it a good shot."

AGWSR couldn't get any drama going in the seventh, going down in order as Clarksville celebrated another trip to Fort Dodge.

Monday was the final game for seniors Ali Gerbracht, Rachel Sicard and Sammi deNeui.

"A lot of resilience, a lot of perseverance," AGWSR co-head coach Scott O'Brien said of this year's senior group. "It would have been too easy this year to say, 'What the heck,' but I give them a lot of credit, they worked hard, played hard, good leaders and great kids. We always want to be around great kids."

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AGWSR 11-5 (final), Clarksville 16-1. WP: Kori Wedeking. LP: Rachel Sicard. AGWSR / Taylor Sperflage RBI. Clarksville / Cheyenne Behrends 2-3, 2 2B, RBI; Kori Wedeking 2-4; Emma Poppe RBI; Jenna Myers HR, 2 RBI; Cailyn Hardy RBI.



AGWSR's Ali Gerbracht connects with a hit during Friday's regional semifinal game in Ackley. (Jake Ryder photo)

# Pirate rally upends D-NH softball

By JAKE RYDER

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DIKE – Hudson rallied in the seventh-inning to force extra innings with Dike-New Hartford softball, and the Pirates scored first in the eighth to eliminate the Wolverines, 5-4.

Hudson went on to the regional semifinal, falling to top-ranked North Linn. D-NH's season ends at 7-7.

"We didn't take care of business," D-NH head coach Rhandi Oelmann said. "There was nothing overpowering about Hudson's pitching, we just had to capitalize at the plate and play clean defense."

The Wolverines committed six errors and left 11 on base in Wednesday's loss. D-NH led 3-0 after three innings but Hudson tied the game in the fifth. D-NH



went back on top in the bottom of the fifth and held steady until the Pirates' late rally.

D-NH had a chance in the seventh inning to win the game with runners at first and second and two outs but stranded those runners, and stranded another in the eighth.

Hudson avenged a loss to D-NH earlier this season, an 11-6 win for the Wolverines on July 2.

"It was very sad," Oelmann said. "But any day to get out and play ball together during

this pandemic was a day to get better. ... If we've learned anything from this, it's that we need to be positive about anything that we're getting to do right now, anything that gets us back to normal."

Ashton Syharath, Lydia Huntington and Alysa Fekkether have played their final games in the blue and white.

"This is the first class I've seen all the way through as a head coach at D-NH," Oelmann said. "They really gutted out some bad years and they got that taste of success this year, and I'm so happy for them."

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Hudson 8-7, D-NH 7-7 (final).

# Cougars conquer Comets on Sicard shutout

By JAKE RYDER

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ACKLEY – AGWSR’s pitching staff is putting in extra work behind the scenes.

Cougars co-head coach Scott O’Brien has been working with Rachel Sicard and Ali Gerbracht to make sure the two relatively inexperienced pitchers can get as many reps in while preparing for Wednesday’s regional opener.

“We had practice the other day at eight o’clock at night,” Sicard said, “and Ali and I were able to get some good bullpens.”

The extra pitching clearly helped in the Cougars’ 2-0 regional quarterfinal win against BCLUW in Ackley.

Sicard turned in one of her cleanest performances in the circle to date this season, allowing just two hits and striking out six with no walks.

“She’s keeping the ball down,” O’Brien said. “She threw well against Dike-New Hartford [on Monday] also. Same thing there, she kept the ball down in the zone, made them hit the ball on the ground. She’s got some really good fine tuning on her roll over and getting a lot of late movement on that pitch to keep the ball away from the hitters but catch a corner to get a lot of strikes off it, too.”

Early run support likely helped keep Sicard focused, too. Sicard and Taylor Sperfslage slapped back-to-back RBI doubles off BCLUW’s Abby Feldpausch in the first inning for a quick 2-0 lead. Feldpausch only allowed one hit the rest of the way as the game settled in to

a nice pitchers’ duel, but AGWSR’s extra-base hits ended up being enough.

In defeat, Feldpausch allowed just four hits with six strikeouts and three walks.

“Normally, we switch pitchers [to Kiersten Kruse] in the fifth inning,” BCLUW head coach Megan Yantis said. “But I saw the determination in her eyes and I saw what she had been doing the first four innings and I said, we’ve got to go with her.”

BCLUW’s best chance at a run was in the third inning. Kiersten Kruse reached base on an error that put Kruse at second and Kaylee Grant at third with one out. Sicard got Emma Averill out on a called strike three and Avery Lafrenz chased down a fly ball to right-center to get the Cougars out of the jam.

“Rachel did a nice job mixing it up and keeping our hitters on our toes,” Yantis said. “We played a little small ball that got them out of their game, but they bounced right back and it just felt like we were one hit away from tying it up every time.”

O’Brien appreciates the progress shown by the Cougars’ young outfielders – center fielder Lafrenz, left fielder Mady Mausser and right fielder Trinity Rotgers are all freshman.

“They’re still young and there’s going to be some rough spots,” O’Brien said. “They have progressed. ... We hope to keep them learning to get a better jump off the bat when they’re pursuing the ball and go from there.”

AGWSR, ranked 14th in

Class 1A, improved to 10-4 overall and advanced to a Friday regional semifinal with Janesville (9-7) in Ackley.

“Everyone has improved so much compared to the beginning of the season,” Sicard said. “We’ve been practicing a lot, focusing on the dynamics of just playing softball. Just playing and getting the jitters out and relaxing has helped us all a lot.”

“Anybody has the opportunity to get [to Fort Dodge]. Sometimes the best teams can get knocked out and especially this year, it’s really up in the air with COVID.”

BCLUW’s season ends at 6-12. Yantis embraced each of her four seniors – Kiersten Kruse, Madison Ubben, Abby Feldpausch and Kennedy Williams – after the tough loss coming after last year’s NICL West-winning squad.

“It’s been an off season anyway being off for two months and then asking them to build themselves up to be ready to play,” Yantis said. “These four seniors had big shoes to fill and they did a great job. They encourage the younger girls and taught them what they needed to be doing. I feel like our girls will be ready next year just because of their leadership.”

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BCLUW 6-12 (final), AGWSR 10-4. WP: Rachel Sicard. LP: Abby Feldpausch. BCLUW / Kennedy Williams 2B. AGWSR / MaKenna Kuper 2-3, 2B; Rachel Sicard 2B, RBI; Taylor Sperfslage 2B, RBI.



Grundy Center senior Megan Beck looks for an opportunity to extend the play after hitting a double in Friday’s game with Ogden. Ogden won, 7-0. (Photo contributed by Terri Reutter)

# Spartans bow out to state-bound Ogden

By JAKE RYDER

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The Grundy Center softball team won its postseason opener at the George Wilhelm Sports Complex against South Hamilton last Wednesday, 6-1, but lost to eventual state-qualifier Ogden, 7-0, in a regional semifinal at Ogden on Friday.

The Spartans’ season ends at 7-9. Ogden advanced to the state tournament when East Marshall had to forfeit the regional final game due to a positive COVID-19 test for one of the players.

In the win against the Hawks, Kyah Luhning led off the game with a home run.

South Hamilton tied the game in the top of the third, but in the bottom half of the third, Alli Beenken hit an RBI double to score Emma Beck and Lucy Lebo scored on a wild pitch.

The Hawks tied the game again at 3-all in the top of the fifth, and in the bottom half, Lyndi Bowen put a ball in play that resulted in a Hawk error, scoring Lucy Lebo. Two batters later, Jacque Kuester was walked with the bases loaded to stretch the lead to 5-3.

“They knew it was time to play,” Grundy Center head coach Dale Boren said. “We got some clutch hits at the right time to keep extending our lead and everything worked out.”

Megan Beck struck out six with one earned run on six hits and one walk as the winning pitcher on Wednesday.

The Bulldogs, ranked third in 2A and returning state qualifiers from last season, shut down the Spartans.

Grundy Center mustered just three hits off senior pitcher Denali Loecker, who struck out

11 Spartans and also hit a three-run home run in second inning as part of a four-run frame for the Bulldogs.

“We knew they had the big pitcher and hitter,” Boren said of Loecker. “We had to contain her and we didn’t, we missed a spot, and that’s the way it goes.”

Loecker’s home run came one batter after a Grundy Center infield error got the Bulldogs on the board with two outs, scoring Lauren Kennedy.

In the fifth, Ogden tacked on three runs on an RBI single and two-RBI triple from Lauren Kennedy and Meredith Adreon, respectively.

“We knew we could play with them and do some good things against them,” Boren said. “But we were a little gunshy, we knew what [Loecker] was ... she’s the real deal, no doubt about that. We knew they were ranked so high. It was the same way as when we played North Linn.”

Grundy Center’s best chance to score was in the sixth, putting runners at second and third with one out, but Loecker got Emma Beck to fly out and Lucy Lebo to ground out to end the threat. Loecker struck out the side in the seventh to end the game.

“The girls knew we could have played better, could have stayed with them,” Boren said. “I don’t think the girls realized at the time how close they were to getting to state [after East Marshall’s forfeit]. A lot of things can change in a heartbeat.”

When you look at the impact of Grundy Center’s seniors this summer, look no further than Friday’s box score: The only

three hits the Spartans got off Loecker came off the bats of Kyah Luhning, Frannie Brown and Megan Beck.

“Our seniors didn’t want to give up,” Boren said. “They just didn’t want to lose, they wanted to keep playing.”

Brown was one of a group of Spartans, including Jacque Kuester and Abby Hamann, coming out for softball after the canceled spring season and the temporary moratorium on off-season coach/player interactions. Luhning and Beck have been five-year contributors for the Spartans.

“It’s great having these kids see success and I hope it brings out more people for next year,” Boren said.

Depending on who comes out next summer, the Spartans could have a strong mix of upperclassmen and youngsters like Lucy Lebo, who started all 16 games for the Spartans in her eighth-grade season.

“With moving Emma from shortstop to pitcher, we’re going to need to find another shortstop, another second baseman and another outfielder. Those are big shoes to fill,” Boren said.

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South Hamilton 7-7 (final), Grundy Center 7-8. WP: Megan Beck. GC / Kyah Luhning HR, RBI; Emma Beck 2-4; Alli Beenken 2-3; Lyndi Bowen RBI; Jacque Kuester RBI.

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Grundy Center 7-9 (final), Ogden 18-3. WP: Denali Loecker. LP: Megan Beck. GC / Megan Beck 2B. Ogden / Meredith Adreon 2-4, 3B, 2 RBI; Denali Loecker HR, 3 RBI; Lauren Kennedy 2-3, RBI.



AGWSR’s MaKenna Kuper slides safely into third, ahead of the throw to BCLUW’s Kiersten Kruse (right), during Wednesday’s regional game in Ackley. (Jake Ryder photo)

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# Big inning clinches D-NH baseball's first district title

**By JAKE RYDER**  
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DIKE – Sean Leonard didn't let himself or the Dike-New Hartford baseball team get too comfortable on Saturday night.

As D-NH head coach, Leonard has seen year after year of talented Wolverine teams that won NICTL East titles, earned state-wide recognition in rankings as one of the best teams in the state; yet a district title continued to elude the program.

In the late innings of Saturday's district final with Denver, Leonard told a D-NH assistant, within earshot of Denver head coach Dustin Rewerts, that the game "felt like a one-run game."

"You know it's eight, right?" Rewerts replied with a smile.

An eight-run first inning ended up being plenty for D-NH in a 9-1 victory against Denver on Saturday. The Wolverines (14-3) advance to their first substate final in school history, a meeting with Pocahontas Area (16-1) at West Fork on Tuesday, July 21.

"I feel better for Tuesday than I did for this," Leonard said after the game. "This just seemed to be the round we didn't just break through and it takes the pressure off a little bit."

Two walks and two errors loaded the bases for Zak Wauters in the first, who unloaded them with a double over the heads of Denver and into right field.

Nathan Moore brought in two more with a single, Parker

Kiewiet plated a run on a Denver error, Drew Sonnenberg brought one more home and after a Reece Beuter pop fly to second, Gus Varney ran with Leonard matching him step for step, shouting encouragement as Varney beat the throw for an 8-0 lead.

It was cathartic, not only for Leonard who pumped his fist after Varney scored, but for the Wolverines as a whole, only a few days removed from a heart-stopping extra-inning victory against East Marshall in the postseason opener.

"We've been hitting all week in practice after that scare," Wauters said. "We really got the bats going in practice and we got it done in the first inning. We didn't really step on their throat after that, but we got the job done. We had a bunch of confidence and it showed."

Though D-NH scored just one run the rest of the game and left the bases loaded in the fifth and two on in the sixth, Beuter and Wauters once again delivered a solid 1-2 punch to keep both pitchers available for Tuesday's substate final.

Beuter struck out seven in four and one-third shutout innings, allowing one hit and one walk before getting the hook with 65 pitches.

"I had all the confidence in the world coming into the game," Beuter said, "that I knew nobody could touch me."

Wauters needed 62 pitches to get through the last eight outs, finding his rhythm in the back

half of his relief outing and finishing with six strikeouts, three walks and one hit batsmen in addition to one earned run on two hits. Denver had the bases loaded in the sixth after scoring their first run of the game on a bases-loaded hit by pitch, but Wauters was able to coax a groundout to end Denver's biggest threat of the night.

"Coming in at the end of games has been my role this year, just not always with that much of a lead," Wauters said. "When I hit the strike zone, good things happened, and once I figured that out, we were fine."

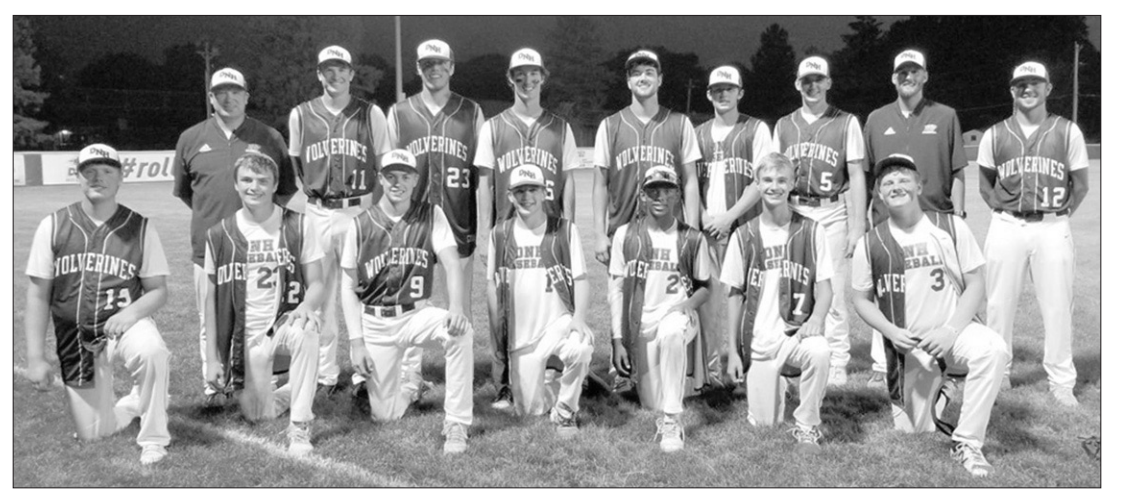
Devon Kollasch reached base three times and scored twice. Drew Sonnenberg finished with two RBI and the Wolverines took advantage of eight walks from Denver pitching.

Tuesday's match-up will be between two teams ranked by the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association – D-NH third; Pocahontas Area 10th in Class 2A.

Both teams will have their entire pitching staff available, with likely starters Reece Beuter for D-NH and Christian Davidson for Pocahontas Area.

"We have to score runs on Tuesday," Leonard said. "To put up eight again would be awesome, but we can't bank on that. If we can score early we have our three pitchers available to us. I would expect a low scoring game and see what happens."

Beuter, a senior, has seen and played on many quality D-NH



The Dike-New Hartford baseball team poses for a picture after Saturday's 9-1 win against Denver, clinching the Wolverines' first ever district championship. (Jake Ryder photo)

teams, and this group being the one to break through still felt "surreal" to the Kirkwood commit.

"We've had unbelievable teams that never could get it done," Beuter said. "It's kind of crazy. ... It's sad that this is the last game we'll play on this field, but it's very satisfying that we finally got it done, but we can't think too long about it. We've got to keep moving forward."

After a brief scare involving a COVID-19 test for a member of the D-NH coaching staff that would have potentially ended D-NH's season earlier this month, the Wolverines' fate is in their own hands for Tuesday night.

"All of us have played plenty of baseball in our life," Wauters said. "Being ourselves and playing loose will go a long

way. ... It's just another game, let's go out and win it."

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WP: Reece Beuter. D-NH / Parker Kiewiet RBI; Drew Sonnenberg 2 RBI; Reece Beuter, RBI; Zak Wauters 2B, 3 RBI; Nathan Moore, 2 RBI; Gus Varney 3-3.

D-NH survives Mustang challenge on Wauters walk-off / Dike-New Hartford junior Zak Wauters hit a two-out RBI single to score Parker Kiewiet and lift the Wolverines past a competitive East Marshall squad, 2-1, in eight innings.

In the top half of the eighth, the Mustangs had the bases loaded but Zak Wauters struck out Connor Hassin looking. In D-NH's half of the eighth, Kiewiet got on base with a one-

out single and was advanced to second on a Drew Sonnenberg sacrifice grounder. Reece Beuter received an intentional walk to bring up Wauters, who swung at the first pitch he saw from Jaron Johnson, carrying a hit to left-center to score Kiewiet streaking in from second.

Beuter was limited to 90 pitches in Tuesday's start, striking out 10 with two walks and one run allowed on five hits. Wauters recorded the final eight outs, striking out three with two walks and one hit batter, allowing no runs on two hits.

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EM 4-12 (final); D-NH 13-3. WP: Zak Wauters. LP: Jaron Johnson. East Marshall / Zach Jacobson 2-3; Wesley Hamor 2-3, 2B, RBI. D-NH / Parker Kiewiet 2-4; Reece Beuter RBI; Zak Wauters RBI; Devon Kollasch 2-3.

# Defending state champs down AGWSR in Class 1A district final

**By KRISTI NIXON**  
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MASON CITY – It was hard for AGWSR coach Dave Showalter to compose himself, having given senior Brody Roder a big bearhug after his Cougars fell to Class 1A No. 6 Mason City Newman at the Knights' field on Saturday, July 18.

The three-time defending state champions shut out his team, 6-0, in the Class 1A District 3 final.

"I've been with these guys for four years now," Showalter said, "as long as they left the program in a better place, that's all I can ask."

"Two years ago, we had a really good year; I didn't think we took a step back last year, the ball didn't always bounce our way. This year, we had some leadership from some different guys, especially in a year that nothing was guaranteed. That's just the nature of it – we benefited last game from being able to be here tonight, probably."

Showalter was referring to getting a bye since a COVID-19 test for a Northwood-Kensett player didn't come back in time for the district semifinal game that was scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 resulting in a forfeit win.

"Obviously, we would have liked to have faced Northwood-Kensett," Showalter said. "We were happy with the opportunity to play tonight and I thought we gave them our best shot."

Junior shortstop Jaden Penning was 2-for-2 with a walk and a double, but was caught in a run-down and tagged out trying to stretch the double to a triple to lead off in the fourth inning.

"I thought we played with energy," Showalter said. "The base running error, fielding errors we made going hard, being aggressive (with plays). I can live with that."

"We played our brand of baseball all year, couple mistakes here and there, and with a good team like that, they are going to capitalize on it, but I was happy with the way we fought to the end and gave it what we had tonight."

Penning said he preferred the hard throwing Doug Taylor, who struck out seven Cougars, yielded four hits and a walk.

"He came in really fast, that's all I know," Penning said. "Mainly, fast balls I guess. No off-speeds, curveballs? I think I saw only one out of all them

and it was in the dirt. But, yeah, I don't like hitting off of curveballs."

"I wanted the seniors to have a good last game. It didn't end that way, but they fought hard in the end."

Roder, along with Luke Starr and Keaton Penning, who made a pinch-hitting appearance in the seventh all graduate from the team. Showalter had a message for the trio.

"Tell them, 'thank you,'" Showalter said. "Tell the whole team, 'find whoever makes it possible for you to be here, tell them thank you, tell them you love them.' Seniors, it goes back to them. The hard work for four years, it wasn't always easy, but it was a lot of fun. Those three will be missed big-time; three good kids. Best of luck to whatever they are doing now."

Newman had a date with Nevada at Madrid on Tuesday, July 21 in a substate final, in search of a fourth-consecutive state title.

"Obviously, they are a very good team," Showalter said. "I mean, the banners up there, they are going to be up there again, I bet."

Starr struggled a little on the mound despite striking out five.



AGWSR's Jaden Penning is pursued by Newman Catholic's Owen Casey in a rundown between second and third base during Saturday's district final in Mason City. (Chris Barragy/Mid-America Publishing photo)

He hit three batters with pitches and walked five, in which the Knights keyed on for three runs in the second and two more in the fifth. A one-out double, passed ball and an error scored the third-inning run. Only two of the six runs against him were earned.

The future looks bright for the Cougars, who finish 10-2.

"Next year, should be pretty good," Penning said. "We've got some juniors that will step up as seniors and be leaders. We've got some experience now, so we should be good next year."

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WP: Doug Taylor. LP: Luke Starr. AGWSR / Jaden Penning 2-2, 2B. Newman / Jack Manzio 2-2, 2B, 2 RBI; Max Burt 2B; Nash Holmggaard RBI; Sammy Kratz 2B; Elijah Brinkley RBI.

# Rebels bow out in district finals

**By ROBERT MAHARRY**  
*The Grundy Register*

GRUNDY CENTER - Gladbrook-Reinbeck baseball mustered just four hits in star pitcher Tyler Tschertner's final game as a Rebel, falling 3-0 to Don Bosco in a Class 1A district final contest at Grundy Center on Saturday night.

"It's a team thing. It seemed like we were a little flat-footed tonight, but everyone has those days. I mean, that's what baseball is," Tschertner said. "At the end of the day, anybody can win on any day."

Dons ace Lewis Havel tossed a gem on the mound with nine strikeouts and just four hits allowed in a complete-game shutout, and Don Bosco (16-1) played small ball to build a lead that the Rebels (9-8) could not overcome.

"We had some runners in scoring position in three innings. We just didn't come through with it," G-R coach Scott Kiburis said. "We were really close to dropping that ball into right field in the first inning, (and) we're up 2-0 (if that happens). That's just baseball, the way it is."

G-R nearly got on the board

in the top of the first inning when Keegan Giesking singled and stole second, Luke Riffey got on base, and a wild pitch put the runners at second and third. After Cullen Eiffer hit a ball that barely went foul down the right field line and eventually struck out, William Kiburis walked to load the bases with two outs, but Havel retired Aiden Wyatt to escape the jam.

The Dons manufactured a run in the bottom of the first when Cael Frost walked, stole second and third and scored on a Fischer Ohrt RBI groundout. Tschertner, who finished with six strikeouts on the mound, caught Dillon Welter looking to end the inning.

Both teams were retired in order in the second inning, and Tschertner hit an infield single in the top of the third before a double play ended the Rebel threat. Frost hit a double to deep centerfield in the bottom of the third, and Havel singled to bring him in and push the lead to 2-0. The Rebels went down 1-2-3 in the top of the fourth, and Ryan Naughton hit an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth to make the score 3-0. After an intentional walk, Tschertner struck out

Havel to get out of the jam.

Tschertner and Giesking both singled in the top of the fifth, but G-R was unable to turn it into a run as a Nick Tschertner ground-out ended the threat. Easton Larson doubled down the right field line in the bottom of the inning, but Tschertner struck out Mason Denton and got Cedric Yoder to pop out to get out of the jam without allowing a run.

The Rebels were retired in order in their final two plate appearances, and for the fourth time in five years, the season ended at the district finals. For Tyler Tschertner, Eiffer and Wyatt, it was their final game in a G-R uniform. Kiburis thanked them for their contributions to the program and looked forward to the 2021 campaign in his post-game comments.

Kiburis also singled out Tschertner for praise; a cornerstone of the program since he saw his first varsity action in eighth grade and will continue his baseball career at Kirkwood.

"He's an excellent pitcher and wants to compete. He's won a lot of games for us and thrown a lot of pitches for us, and it's fun to watch him play," Kiburis said.




Gladbrook-Reinbeck's William Kiburis tries to put the tag on Cael Frost as Frost steals second during Saturday's district final in Grundy Center. (Robert Maharry photo)

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G-R 9-8 (final), Don Bosco 16-1. WP: Lewis Havel. LP: Tyler Tschertner. G-R / Tyler Tschertner 2-3; Keagan Giesking 2-3. DB / Cael Frost 2-2, 2

2B; Lewis Havel RBI; Fischer Ohrt 2-2, RBI; Easton Larson 2B; Ryan Naughton RBI.

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